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For : METHOD OF CONTROLLING CONTACT LOAD IN ELECTRONIC  
COMPONENT MOUNTING APPARATUS

**INTERVIEW SUMMARY AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of October 31, 2007, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 31, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the claims now pending.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.  
**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.